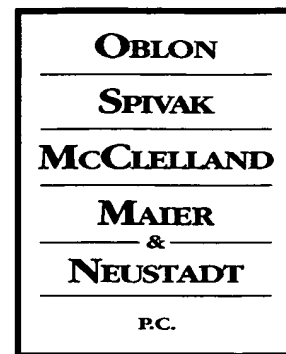




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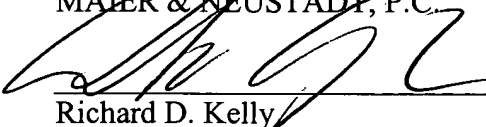
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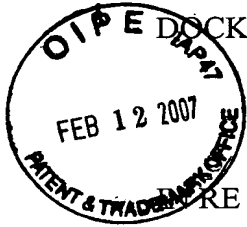
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In response to the Election of Species Requirement stated in the Official Action dated January 12, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1, Claims 1, 2 and 5.

Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding election requirement for following reasons.

First, the outstanding Office Action simply provides a conclusory statement that "Claims 1-5 show 3 mutually exclusive embodiments," and omits any statement or basis for finding the Claims "mutually exclusive."

However, MPEP §808.01 states the following:

The particular reasons relied on by the examiner for holding that the inventions as claimed are either independent or distinct should be concisely stated. A mere statement of conclusion is inadequate. The reasons upon which the conclusion is based should be given.